

6. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, the nickel being formed to a thickness of 0.5 to 20 μm, and the gold being formed to a thickness of 0.1 μm or greater.

7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, the nickel being formed to a thickness of 1.27  $\mu$ m, and the gold being formed to a thickness of 0.3  $\mu$ m.

--19. The apparatus of claim 1, said bent portion comprising only a single bend in each one of said plurality of elastic members, said bend providing all of said elastic restoration force of each one of said plurality of elastic members.

--20. The apparatus of claim\1, each one of said elastic members being absent of a coil spring, said elastic member being absent a rigid conductive member.